

The Way of Our World

Mussolini proposes to double taxes on bachelors.

In order to relieve traffic jams, Paris has banned all parking in the city.

Several large business establishments in China are threatened with strikes of their workers.

The walk-out of 500 electrical workers is delaying construction work in New York City.

Advertising women of Minneapolis have organized the first woman's club of their profession in that city.

An organization planning to make a national park at Mammoth Cave now owns 14,000 acres of land there.

Five Illinois women were honored for valiant service in kitchen, home and community by the University of Illinois.

London is in the midst of a building boom. New buildings are opened almost weekly in some part of the city.

Denouncing the duties of a dog as "barbarous," Prime Minister Venizelos has abolished the office in Greece.

A stunt dancing contest came to an end in New York recently when participants fell to the floor and were unable to get up.

A bill passed by the United States Senate recently, compels all ships touching American ports to carry American mails.

The next United States Congress will have eight women, the largest representation of women that it has ever had.

A plan for the erection of a Students Union Building, to be owned by students, is being considered in the University of Hawaii.

A bootblack in Hollywood has recently been given a movie contract because his natural stammer recorded perfectly in talking pictures.

Two railways in Manchuria have signed an agreement for 50-50 division of freights in North Manchuria, thus ending a problem of long standing.

A great swarm of locusts which were devastating Palestine have been driven into the eastern desert by high winds and the crops have been saved.

A French-blocked wall paper from an old Lexington, Ky., house recently sold in New York for \$5,000, the paper had been placed upon the walls in 1822.

Egypt has refused to consider Henry Ford's offer to construct a road from Cairo to Assuan in exchange for the free entry of his cars into the country.

When a railroad which was extended recently into Alberta, Canada, missed going through Edmonton, the town was moved 15 miles, the railroad five miles away.

The Hungarian States Railway has provided headphones above every seat in the waiting rooms so that the passengers may listen to the radio while waiting for trains.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad has installed telephones on two of its trains, they may be used prior to the train's departure from Boston and from New York.

A Boston man, though without a tongue for the last sixteen years, is an accomplished speaker, having addressed an audience for two hours, during which time a stenographer, who was taking down the speech, understood only one word.

Plans have been completed by the Ministry of Public Education of Mexico for the publication of a "mural" newspaper; this paper which will be published at regular intervals will be six feet by nine feet and will be posted upon all the bulletin boards and walls in all the towns and villages in Mexico.

—AND SOME HUMOR—

A doctor advised a corpulent patient to take up golf. After a few weeks the patient returned and said that the doctor would have to advise another game.

"But there's nothing to beat golf," said the doctor.

"Quite so," agreed the fat fellow, with a touch of impatience, "but it's no good to me. If I place the ball so that I can see it, I can't hit it, and when I put it where I can hit it, I can't see it."

—COMMENTS ON LIFE—

The alternative of centralization is co-operation.—Roscoe Pound.

Both Great Britain and America turn instinctively and sternly from a method of settling disputes which is so costly, so dangerous as war.—Alanson B. Houghton.

—AND SOME VERSE—

Tame Duck

There are three tame ducks in our back yard,

Dabbling in mud and trying hard To get their share, and maybe more

Of the overflowing, barnyard store, Satisfied with the task they're at,

Of eating and sleeping and getting fat, But whenever the free wild ducks go by

In a long line streaming down the sky, They cock a quizzical, puzzled eye

And flap their wings and try to fly, I think my soul is a tame old duck,

Dabbling around in barnyard muck, Fat and lazy, with useless wings,

But sometimes when the North wind sings, And the wild ones hustle overhead,

It remembers something lost and dead, And cocks a wary, bewildered eye,

And makes a feeble attempt to fly, It's fairly content with the state it's in,

But it isn't the duck it might have been, —Kenneth Kaufman.

"TOM" ALLTON IS PRESIDENT OF MERCHANTS

Jackson Named Vice-President—Dysart Is Treasurer

BANQUET TO BE MARCH 11

Association Plans Better Credit Ratings for Next Year

J. M. ("Tom") Allton was elected president of the Retail Merchants' Association at their annual election of officers last night in the Chamber of Commerce room. Lowell Jackson was made vice-president and Earl Dysart, treasurer. These officers will be installed during a banquet to be held at the Tiger Hotel March 11. The secretary will be appointed later.

The main speaker at the banquet is to be the secretary of the National Merchants' Association, Guy H. Hulse.

A program of entertainment is being planned by a committee.

The association's activity, or the next year, it was decided last night, will concentrate on the promotion of more efficient credit ratings and the protection of its members from non-productive advertising mediums.

It was decided also to distribute among the members the revised constitution and by-laws of the association and new membership cards.

Reports from the secretary and treasurer were submitted for the last year.

WILL HOLD MONTHLY DINNERS

Methodist Men's Club to Be Served by Missionary Society

The Men's Club of the Broadway Methodist Church held its annual banquet last night at the church.

The dinner was served by M. W. Burton, H. M. Craig, J. M. Kennington, J. T. McMullen, H. L. Peabody, and their wives.

At the business session following the banquet, the club decided to hold monthly dinners, which are to be served by the Women's Missionary Society of the church, and paid for by the members of the club.

C. W. Furtney, president of the club, appointed the following committees and their chairmen: Membership, E. B. McDonnell; publicity, A. A. Jeffrey; round-up, H. L. Peabody; and program, H. F. Grinstead.

ENTERS M. U. WITH ALTERED RECORDS

Clarence Scott, Dropped From School, Had False Credits

The official transcript record of Clarence Scott, received this morning by S. Woodson Canada, University registrar, from W. C. Wynn, the registrar of Lombard College, credits Scott with 61 hours during his two years at Lombard rather than with the 95 hours, with which he entered the University of Missouri last fall.

Scott was dropped from the University at the end of the first semester because of scholastic deficiency, and about the same time was mentioned in connection with a robbery.

It is noted in the official transcript received this morning that Scott's grades averaged only slightly above C grade, whereas the transcript which he had last fall shows his grades to be better than a B average.

Scott's purported official record shows he attended Lombard College three years, while the correct transcript states he entered the college in 1926.

It is lacking on his 95-hour transcript, and the signature of Mr. Wynn is written in a different handwriting than the correct record received today.

The courses used by Scott in his thirty-four extra hours are general college physics, general chemistry, intermediate French, physical chemistry, comparative anatomy, English literature, embryology.

FIRE ALARM PROVES FALSE

Firemen Find Only Burning Kindling at Gamma Phi Beta House

Clang! Clang! Clang! A Columbia fireman sighed wearily as he piloted the big red truck around a corner and headed in the direction of the Gamma Phi Beta house yesterday at noon.

Seven fires during one week-end were trying enough without having it start all over again Monday.

Ten minutes later the fireman sighed a bit more heavily as he climbed back to his seat on the truck and made his way through the disappointed crowd of excitement seekers back to the station house.

Hot ashes, a pile of burning kindling wood, a dash of water and it was all over. A false alarm had been recorded.

WILL SPEAK AT A. AND M.

Dr. Brooks to Give Commencement Address May 29

President Stratton D. Brooks of the University has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater on May 29.

Dr. Brooks is also to give the dedication address for the Vocational Training Building and the Gymnasium before the Normandy Consolidated School District in St. Louis County on the evening of Feb. 22.

One Fine Assessed for Open Crotch

Joe Merlo was fined \$1 and costs in police court this morning on a charge of driving a car with the crotch open.

The Weather

For Columbia and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; light occasional snow probable; continued rather cold; lowest tonight about 20.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably local snows east portion and northwest portion tonight; somewhat colder Wednesday west and north portions.

Shippers forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperatures are expected to be about as follows: North 10, East 20, South 24, West 20.

Weather conditions: Clear sky has been the prevailing type during the last 24 hours generally throughout the country but early this morning light snows were falling here.

Although subzero cold is confined to Michigan and Minnesota and temperatures trend upward 10 or more degrees generally west of the Mississippi it still is severely cold for central and southern sections.

Freezing continues to San Antonio and skirts northern Florida. Gaining warmth for the country as a whole will be a slow process.

Highest temperature here yesterday was 20; lowest last night, 12.

DELEGATES OF 5 CITIES OFFER TO BACK M. U.

Chambers of Commerce Send Members to Meeting Here

CONDITIONS INVESTIGATED

Committees to Render Service in Getting Appropriations

Representatives of the Chambers of Commerce of five of the principal cities of Missouri and of St. Louis County voted to support the University of Missouri in getting such appropriations from the state as it needs, at a meeting in the office of P. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture this morning.

The meeting was called by the St. Louis Chamber through its representative, Dillon T. Stevens, chairman of the agricultural committee of that organization.

About twenty-five delegates were present, representing St. Louis, Springfield, Kansas City, Sedalia, St. Louis County, and Columbia.

The St. Louis Chamber invited these cities to send representatives—preferably business men—from their Chambers of Commerce to this meeting to learn, first-hand, the needs of the University and to find out what had been asked in the way of appropriations.

The committees would then report to their organizations who would render such service as possible in helping the University get the appropriations and enabling her to be of the greatest service to the farmers as well as the boys and girls of Missouri.

"The meeting was called through the College of Agriculture," said Mr. Stevens, "because we realize that agriculture is fundamental to Missouri, and the cities and towns depend on the agricultural prosperity of the state. The Chambers of Commerce recognize the fact that the College of Agriculture together with its extension service is the state's best means of bringing about prosperity."

The delegates were given a luncheon at the Daniel Boone Tavern by the local Chamber of Commerce.

SCOUT OFFICIAL HERE TOMORROW

Will Discuss Course in Scouting to Be Offered in University

Roy O. Wyland, of the Department of Education, Boy Scouts of America, will be in Columbia Wednesday to discuss with President Stratton D. Brooks, Dean M. G. Neale, and Prof. C. L. Brewer, the course in scouting to be offered in the University this summer.

Wyland, who is also head of the Division of Church Relations of the Boy Scout National Council will be a guest of the Lions Club at luncheon and will speak on "Building a Nation Through Boyhood." At 4:30 o'clock he will meet the ministers of the city at the Episcopal Student Center.

Scouting in Relation to the Church." At 6:15 o'clock there will be a complimentary banquet to the scoutmasters of the city, the troop committee men, and the Executive Council of Columbia.

Wyland, in his ten years with the Boy Scouts of America, has produced three manuals, all dealing with the Scout in his religion.

Coming to Columbia from St. Louis, Mr. Wyland will go to Jefferson City Thursday to talk with the ministers of that city about the Scout in relation to the church. Immediately thereafter he will leave for Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter to Fulton Funeral

E. M. Carter, secretary of the Missouri State Teachers' Association, and Mrs. Carter left at noon today for Fulton to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Lenna Standefer.

Mrs. Standefer died Sunday afternoon at the home of her sister, Miss Lulu Goody, following an illness of two months. She was a teacher for six years in the Missouri School for the Deaf.

PROHIBITIONIST CANDIDATE IN '24 STOPS IN CITY

Volstead Act Not Enforced Properly, Says Faris

IS TREASURER OF DRYS

Party Now Waiting to See if Hoover Makes Good on Promises

H. P. Faris, presidential candidate on the Prohibition ticket of 1924, and three times a candidate for governor of Missouri, was a visitor in Columbia last night. He is on a motor trip from his home in Clinton, Mo., to the eastern coast, and although he is now treasurer of the National Prohibition Committee, he says that this trip is merely on personal business and does not concern his party.

He added that just now the party is "waiting to see what Hoover will do and whether he will live up to his platform."

"While the Prohibitionists have won the issue and have the prohibition law, we do not have the right kind of enforcement," he said at the Tiger Hotel last night. "However, we are hoping for this enforcement under the Hoover regime."

This is the first time in history that one of the major parties has come out in favor of prohibition. But it was forced upon the Republicans in 1928.

Principle Put First, He Says

In discussing the last election, he said that the Prohibitionists virtually committed party suicide, because by so doing they could throw their combined strength against Smith.

"We declared that it was the duty of every home-lover and patriot to put principle above party and to put forth every effort to defeat the wet Tammany candidate. The wets have been crying out for years for a referendum. Well, they got it in the last election, and Hoover will go into office March 4, with over twenty-one million voters having told him through the ballot box that they want their homes protected."

He gave a short history of the party, saying that for fifty-six years it has had a candidate in the field. He urged everyone to hunt up the 1870 platform and see what a prophecy of the great national problems of the present this platform proved to be.

He said that since the Civil War, there have been few congressional acts of interest to the whole people that have not originated in the platform of the Prohibition party. The last four constitutional amendments were fostered by them.

He explained that he did not claim that his party was powerful enough to carry these great issues, but that "while other parties are struggling for office, we have been fighting for the common people."

Says Texas Second Best State

Mr. Faris went to Texas last year where he was allied with the Anti-Al Smith Democrats and he said that he had helped "a wee bit in that great upheaval." He added that he was proud to have been the only Missouriian to run for president. He has been candidate for governor three times.

Mr. Faris said he had never lost his taste for printer's "pi" because he was a printer's devil himself in 1872. And he added: "Some think I'm still a printer's devil, minus the qualifying term."

POPE'S BLESSING GIVEN TO WORLD

Custom Is Observed for Third Time Since 1870 Estrangement

ROME, Feb. 12 (U.P.).—While a multitude, estimated at 100,000, filled the vast square in front of St. Peter's and paid him homage, Pope Pius XI appeared on a balcony today and gave his blessing to the world.

It was the crowning act of the pope's day of triumph, in which he celebrated the seventh anniversary of his coronation and the consummation of peace between the Vatican and Italy after 58 years of estrangement.

The blessing "urbis et orbis" (of the city, and the world) came at the conclusion of a pontifical high mass in the cathedral, which was attended by a crowd that filled every available inch of space.

It was a custom abandoned by the popes in 1870, when they retired into seclusion in the Vatican. It was revived only twice, by the present pope, at his election and again at his coronation. Then he returned to the precedent of his predecessors and for seven years the blessing had not been bestowed.

U. S. Not Affected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (U.P.).—Although President Coolidge has no official information regarding the exact terms of the settlement reached by the Italian government and the Vatican, White House officials indicated authoritatively today that the agreement does not raise the question of appointing a diplomatic envoy to the new papal state.

So far as this country is concerned, it was indicated the new treaty signed yesterday does not require any action by the government.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD DEBT TO BE PAID

J. A. Stewart to Receive \$600 Balance From School Board

A balance of \$600 on the purchase of two lots on South Garth Avenue, which are already part of the Grant School grounds, was ordered paid to Judge J. A. Stewart at the February meeting of the School Board last night in the Boone County Trust Company Building. A question in regard to the title of the property had held up the payment of the 7-year-old debt.

An application for resignation by Mrs. Louise M. Clark, now traveling on a year's leave of absence, was received by the board from Rome, Italy. The resignation was accepted.

It was voted to close the local schools on Washington's Birthday anniversary, Feb. 22.

Permission to use a class room and the recreation room in the Benton School for the remainder of the school year, was granted to the Boy Scout society, which have been meeting in the basement of the Methodist Church.

It was voted to increase the \$80,000 tornado insurance now carried on the Hickman High School to \$100,000.

Incidental expenses for January, totaling \$5044.96, were ordered paid.

The Birth of Abraham Lincoln

One hundred and twenty years ago today the sixteenth president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, was born in a cabin on Rock Spring Farm, Kentucky. Iron founders and weavers were his American ancestors.

His father, Thomas, and his mother, Nancy Hanks, were Virginians. But Thomas Lincoln was a restless man, sociable but unsuccessful, a farmer and a carpenter at intervals. Nancy Hanks was a woman of character and intelligence above the average of the class to which she belonged by birth.

She taught her husband and son to read and write and managed to inspire her son to higher standards and ideals. Abraham Lincoln was born with a heritage of simplicity, honesty, and intelligence, but greatest of all, he was "born with a pass key to hearts."

GIL WARNS PUBLIC AGAINST UPRISINGS

Says Government Will Seize Possessions of Guilty Persons

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12 (U.P.).—President Gil's statement today, denounced Catholic elements whom he accused of being responsible for manifestations and attempts to arouse the masses by making capital of the execution of Jose de Leon Toral.

He warned the public that the government would seize the possessions of all found guilty of subversive acts against the government.

"The government will seize the holdings of authors and accomplices involved in revolutionary work," Gil said. "Such lands and factories will be given to farmers and workers to be managed co-operatively. Care will be taken to avoid fraud and injustice. Presidential influence will not be allowed to interfere."

The first step in carrying out the president's program was an order issued by the interior department directing all priests in Mexico to register their places of residence within fifteen days or be declared accomplices of the rebels.

COURT APPROVES TREASURY REPORT

Check of Boone County Accounts Shows \$171,723 Balance

A check of the accounts of Boone County, made by the County Court was completed yesterday afternoon, and records of the county treasurer for the past six months were approved by the court.

Balances given by the semi-annual report of the treasurer, Roberta Winn, were as follows: county revenue, \$75,261.80; criminal costs, \$681.40; general fund, \$3,888.83; general school fund, \$18,694.13; school building fund, \$97,244; city railroad taxes, \$2,174.87; county road and bridge fund, principal, \$1,099.98; interest, \$34,316.08; district road accounts, \$2,982.81; township school fund, principal, \$1,099.98; interest, \$1,632.73; county public school fund, principal, \$918.82; interest, \$5,144.27. Total general funds, \$171,723.78.

Special road district funds were: Harg, \$5.94; McBaine, \$646.80; Pierpont, \$452.58; Providence gravel road fund, \$265.48.

Other special funds not included in the general report were Boone County Hospital, \$35,136.67, and soldiers' memorial fund, \$16.42.

FISHER ELLIOTT'S WILL FILED

Central's Estate to Be Equally Divided Among Children

The will of Fisher Elliott was filed yesterday with Judge Arthur Bruton of the Probate Court. Mr. Elliott, an elderly resident of Centralia, died about two weeks ago.

The terms of the will divide the estate equally among the four children: Mrs. Gertrude Martin, Sydney B. Elliott, William Farrar Elliott, and Lorene Burks.

Held on Burglary Robbery Charge

Leonard Jennings of Sturgeon who appeared before Judge John S. Bicknell, justice of the peace on a charge of breaking into the store of G. A. Laxton on Sturgeon Feb. 5 and stealing guns and other personal property, was held to the April term of the Boone County Circuit Court to answer to the charge and give a \$1000 bond for his appearance.

DELAY IS SEEN IN LIGHTING OF LOCAL AIRPORT

Work May Not Be Completed Until July, Not April

U. S. INSPECTOR HERE

Seven Fields in Missouri to Be Ready in Five Months

That Columbia's airport may not be lighted by April 1, as has been reported, is seen in the statement of P. R. Jennings, inspector of airway construction for the federal government, who is in Columbia now. The contract for the lighting of the St. Louis-Kansas City route, which has been let to the C. C. Rice Company of Oakland, Calif., calls for the completion of the cross-state system about five months from today.

The vagueness of a completion date is due in part to indecision as to whether local power or power furnished by the Missouri Power Company is to be used in lighting the field.

Hence, it may be July before the local airport is lighted, for, unless the government is requested to light certain fields first and requests the contractor to do so, the plan of work is entirely at the option of the contractor. Unless it is requested that the local airport be lighted at once, the lighting of the field will probably begin at one end of the route. Columbia will be headquarters for the A. C. Rice Company, and their materials will be shipped here.

The Columbia airport is one of the seven fields between St. Louis and Kansas City, the others being at Fulton, Danville, Wentzville, Boonville, Higginsville, and Buckner. There will also be thirteen beacon lights.

The main light at the Columbia field will be a twenty-four-inch revolving beacon of 2,000,000 candlepower mounted on a fifty-one-foot steel tower. This light, revolving twice a minute, will have a special 100-watt lamp.

Smaller lights of various colors will be set at 300-foot intervals about the field on stands two feet high. An electric clock will switch the lights on at fifteen minutes after sundown and switch them off at fifteen minutes before sunrise every day.

ARMORY BEING REDECORATED

12th Field Artillery Headquarters to Be Inspected Feb. 19

The armory of the 12th Field Artillery in the White Eagle Dairy Building is being redecorated in preparation for the annual federal armory inspection of the Missouri National Guard, Feb. 19.

Two rooms of the armory were damaged slightly when part of the top front wall of the building caved in about two weeks ago as a result of continued freezing and thawing.

Funeral Services for Edgar Wilson Blair, 81, father of Justice David E. Blair, of the Supreme Court, were held at Jefferson City today. The body will be sent to Salina, Kan., for burial.

Mabel Blair, a granddaughter, who is a student in the University, went to Jefferson City for the funeral.

Body of Fur Dealer Found Below Second-Story Door of Hotel